

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the claims of the subject application into the following three invention Groups:

- I. Claims 1-38, 52, 57, and 58 drawn to a polymerization process;
- II. Claims 39-51 drawn to an emulsion or miniemulsion polymerization process; and
- III. Claims 53-56 drawn to an atom transfer radical reaction process comprising one of an inorganic and organic reducing agent.

Applicants herein elect Group I, including claims 1-38, 52, 57, and 58, for further examination in the subject application, without traverse. The claims of claim group II, including claims 39-51, have been withdrawn from consideration. The claims of claim group III, including claims 53-56, have been canceled.

Amendments and New Claims

The specification of the subject application is amended at page 1 to include a paragraph establishing the claim of priority from the PCT application (PCT/US05/07265, filed March 7, 2005) and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/550,391, filed March 5, 2004.

In the present response, claims 3 and 4 are canceled. Claims 14 and 45 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors.

New claims 59-61 have been added. New claims 59-61 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 52 of claim group I. Therefore, these new claims fall within the subject matter of the elected claim group. New claims 59-61 further describe the polymerization process of claim 52, adding elements described in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new subject matter is added by these claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made a diligent effort to fully respond to the restriction requirement presented by the Examiner. Examination of claims 1-38, 52, and 57-61 and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns regarding Applicants' present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed. The Office is authorized to charge any additional fee necessary for consideration of this response to Deposit Account 11-1110.

Respectfully submitted,

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